

with your statement. At first it was thought that this section 7, line 9, could be corrected or carry out the philosophy of the local government article by saying "by local general law," and then we realized it was not quite that simple and, after we put our heads together at lunchtime, Delegate Case picked this up. He is the one who brought it to our attention. At lunchtime we worked out the sentence which is contained in this amendment, and we ask its adoption.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kiefer, do you have any comment?

DELEGATE KIEFER: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

DELEGATE DUKES: Would you just explain what you are doing? I thought this is what we already had by law.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: You may recall yesterday when we were discussing this, that the Committee on Style said it would like some clarification, whether we meant local law or general law when we said "by law", and we have clarified it by adding the sentence which is in the amendment, so that it would mean that if the General Assembly acts in this field it must do it by public general law, but at the same time the various counties throughout the State would be free to act in this field until and unless the General Assembly preempts the field.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 22. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 22 to Committee Recommendation R&P-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 22. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 101 votes in the affirmative

and five in the negative, the motion carries. The amendment is adopted.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Mr. Chairman, in order that the record be kept straight, this amendment having been adopted, Amendment No. 11 should be withdrawn and it is hereby withdrawn.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think Amendment No. 11 was withdrawn yesterday. The amendment is marked withdrawn, but to remove any doubt, the amendment is treated as withdrawn.

The Chair is advised that on Amendment No. 44, Delegate James Clark's switch was not operating. He voted Aye, so that the correct vote was 102 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

Delegate Weidemeyer, the Chair is advised that you will not offer your Amendment AM, is that correct?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: That is correct, Mr. President. There are only two heads on that amendment. I have another one with No. 32 on it, and I think it is more acceptable.

THE CHAIRMAN: I was about to say bless you. I cannot now.

*(Laughter.)*

Is your other amendment being printed now, Delegate Weidemeyer?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: We are expecting it momentarily.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, is Delegate Willoner present?

Will the pages please distribute Amendment AP.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, there are some additional sponsors to be added to this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Wait until the amendment is distributed.

The amendment AP which has just been distributed will be numbered 23.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Morgan to list the additional sponsors.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Kiefer, Mitchell, Gallagher, Hopkins, Bennett, L. Taylor, and, Mr. Chairman, there is a change in one word in the amendment.

In line 7 "providing" should be "fostering".

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to modifying the amendment in line 7